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SUBJECT: GERMAN PRESS REPORTS ABOUT US DELIVERY OF
HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM (HEU)

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1. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT) CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT
"THE RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN AUTHORITY" HAS NOT YET
LICENSED THE EXPORT OF 17 KG HEU FOR GERMAN RESEARCH
REACTORS. HOWEVER, HE DISPLAYED CONFIDENCE THAT
THIS WAS ONLY A SHORT DELAY WHICH WAS POSSIBLY
CAUSED BY THE CHANGE IN THE US PRESIDENCY. HE RE-
MARKED THAT SUCH SHORT DELAYS HAD OCCURED RE-
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PEATEDLY IN THE PAST.

2. THE BMFT OFFICIAL WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM CLAIMS
BY THE GERMAN ENVIRONMENTALIST ORGANIZATION "BBU"
THAT THE DELAY IN DELIVERY HAD BEEN CAUSED BY ITS
CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US NATURAL RESOURCES
DEFENSE COUNCIL (NRDC) WHICH HAD FILED THE PETITION

AGAINST THE EXPORT. BBU BELIEVES THAT THE STOP IN THE DELIVERY OF THE HEU WAS JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THE RESEARCH REACTORS AT JUELICH, KARLSRUHE AND MUNICH REPRESENT AN UNACCEPTABLE THREAT TO THE POPULATION.

3. MOST MAJOR NEWSPAPERS PICKED UP THE TOPIC IN THEIR JANUARY 7 EDITIONS. THEY NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO EXPORT OF HEU FROM THE US FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM NUKEM, EURATOM'S MAJOR IMPORTER OF HEU AND THE MAIN EXPORTER OF HEU FUEL ELEMENTS, IS QUOTED THAT THE COMPANY HAS ORDERED A TOTAL OF 200 KG HEU. ALTHOUGH THE COMPANY HAS SOME HEU ON HAND, EXPORT LICENSES FOR THE HEU ORDERED MUST BE ISSUED IN THE COURSE OF 1977 TO PREVENT A "CRITICAL SITUATION".

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